

PRESS MEMORANDUM

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Governor Shivers has vetoed the following bills and resolutions and sent them to the Secretary of State for filing:

Court Bills

H. B. 138 - Lieck - would create two additional district courts in Bexar County.

H. B. 571 - Miller - would create two additional district courts in Harris County.

S. B. 228 - Lock - would create additional district court for Angelina, Cherokee and Nacogdoches Counties.

S. B. 317 - Strauss - would create additional district court in Gonzales, Colorado, Lavaca and Guadalupe Counties.

(The veto proclamations on these bills are identical; a sample is attached.)

Other Bills

H. B. 93 - Murray - that there shall be no civil cause of action for damages against persons or firms operating a vehicle on the highways within the open range" ...by reason of such vehicle striking, killing, injuring or damaging any animal on said highway." (Veto message points out that words "any animal" would make this exemption apply when the driver of a vehicle negligently or wrongfully kills or injures a horse or mule harnessed to a buggy or wagon, or being ridden on the highway...its effect is not limited to those animals running at large.)

H. B. 274 - Sentell - to prescribe the method for determining the affiliated unit eligibility of school districts in counties declared to be in drought disaster areas. (Attorney General advised that bill is invalid because the term "affiliated unit" is not defined in HB

274 or elsewhere in Texas school laws, and therefore "we must hold it indefinite, uncertain and void...")

H. B. 361 - Seeligson - would exempt San Antonio Conservation Society from taxation. (Attorney General has advised that bill is contrary to Section 56 of Article III of the Texas Constitution.)

H. B. 379 - Downer - would amend Article 634 VCS by adding new paragraph requiring State Board of Control to purchase manufactured products of visually handicapped persons or workshops for the blind. (Attorney General has advised that bill violates Section 36 of Article III of the Texas Constitution.)

H. B. 628 - Bergman - would provide for salaries for county auditors in certain counties. (Attorney General has advised bill violates Section 56, Article III of the Texas Constitution.)

H. B. 882 - McDaniel - would fix salaries of criminal district attorneys or county attorneys in certain counties. (Attorney General has advised the bill violates Section 56, Article III of Texas Constitution.)

H. B. 273 - Willis - would provide for assessment and collection of a fee or tax in divorce cases filed in certain counties. (Attorney General has advised the bill violates Section 35, Article III of the Texas Constitution.)

S. B. 173 - Moore - Re: State Employees Retirement System - would grant credit to state employees who had not worked for State prior to World War II or prior to establishment of Retirement System - would give credit for military service to those who left state employment during World War II to work in defense plants, etc. (Veto proclamation says in part: "...examination and study of this proposed legislation indicates that it would create a special consideration and

avored position under the Employees' Retirement System of Texas for a very small number of people, while on the other hand, it would do great damage to the stability of the Retirement System funds. It is my opinion that this bill would do a great amount of damage and and very little good.")

Resolution

H.C.R. 45 - Hull and Sayers - attempting to amend Article 7066 VCS. (Attorney General has advised resolution violates Section 12, Article III of Texas Constitution.